

## REMARKS

Claim 2 has been cancelled and the limitations therein have been incorporated into claim 1. Claims 3, 5 and 6 have also been amended.

Claims 7-13 have been added and are somewhat similar to claim 1.

Claims 1 and 3-13 are pending and under consideration.

### I. **REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1 AND 3-6 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY POLLACK (US. PATENT NO. 6,505,236):**

The present invention as recited in claim 1, for example, relates to an electronic mail system for delivering electronic mail sent from a sender to the appropriate receiver. The system comprises an attached file separating means for separating, in the case of an attached file being added to electronic mail sent from the sender, the attached file from the electronic mail. The system further comprises attached file transferring means for transferring the attached file separated from the electronic mail by the attached file separating means to a predetermined server and store location information adding means for adding store location information indicating a location where the attached file transferred by the attached file transferring means is stored to the electronic mail. The system further comprises transfer method setting means for setting a transfer method used by the attached file transferring means according to an attribute of the attached file.

Pollack discloses in FIG. 2, a network-based mail attachment storage system which detaches email attachments from a user's email so that the body of the email can be downloaded quicker, and stores the email attachment and appends the body of the email to include a handle which allows the user to retrieve the email attachment at a later time (see column 1, lines 56-67). Specifically, the system includes a receiving portal for receiving an email containing a forwarding specification and an attachment, an attachment stripper for detaching the attachment from the email, a storage device for storing the stripped attachment at a specific address under a specific file name, a handle generator for generating a handle corresponding to the specific address and the specific file name which allows access to the attachment stored at the specific address under the specific file name, a handle appender for appending the handle to the email, and a transmitting portal for transmitting in accordance with the forwarding specification the appending email including the handle but excluding the stored attachment (see column 2, lines 10-25).

The Applicants respectfully submit that Pollack fails to disclose a "transfer method setting means for setting a transfer method used by the attached file transferring means according to an

attribute of an attached file,” as recited in amended claim 1. That is, Pollack does not provide a means for transferring the attached file according to an attribute of the attached file.

Although the above comments are specifically directed to claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the comments would be helpful in understanding differences of various other rejected claims over the cited reference. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-6 patentably distinguish over Pollack. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

**II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-6 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY ARNOLD (U.S. PATENT NO. 6,275,848; HEREINAFTER “ARNOLD”):**

Arnold discloses in FIG. 2, an apparatus for automated referencing of electronic information. The apparatus includes means for receiving a message having at least one attachment, means for applying detachment rules to the message including criteria for detachment, and means for sending the message to at least one recipient (see column 2, lines 20-26 and column 4, lines 9-17). Specifically, the apparatus applies predetermined criteria to determine whether an attachment to a message should be detached. If the criteria is met, the attachment is placed in a remote location which can be accessed by the recipients of the email message and the apparatus then creates a pointer in the text of the email message which directs the recipients to the appropriate Web site (see column 3, lines 48-56).

The Applicants respectfully submit that although Arnold discloses the above mentioned “detachment rules”, Arnold fails to disclose a “transfer method setting means for setting a transfer method used by the attached file transferring means according to the attribute of an attached file,” as recited in amended claim 1.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

**III. CONCLUSION:**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore, defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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